

Assemblyman  
**PAUL KORETZ**  
Forty-second Assembly District



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**CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST TO HONOR KORETZ**

*West Hollywood Assemblyman to receive Community Award and will be featured in CSW Annual Gay Pride Parade*

**WEST HOLLYWOOD** – Assemblymember Paul Koretz (D-West Hollywood) will be honored by Christopher Street West this year with the CSW Special Community Award, which acknowledges an outstanding person, organization or business deserving of special recognition for exceptional reasons. The award will be presented to Koretz on **June 8, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the “O” Bar in West Hollywood**, located at 8279 Santa Monica Boulevard.

In addition, as a distinguished honoree, Assemblymember Koretz will ride in the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Christopher Street West Gay Pride Parade on **Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**. The parade begins at **11 AM** and the parade route is along Santa Monica Boulevard beginning at Crescent Heights Boulevard and ending at Robertson Boulevard.

Assemblymember Paul Koretz was elected to the California State Assembly in 2000. Prior to the State Assembly, Mr. Koretz served as a City of West Hollywood Mayor and Councilmember for 12 years. Paul Koretz has been a long time champion of core liberal issues such as advocating for working families, protecting the environment, improving public health, reducing gun violence and vigorously fighting for human rights, particularly in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community.

“It is my deep honor and pleasure to be recognized by Christopher Street West with this award and I am looking forward to Sunday’s festivities,” said Mr. Koretz. “Even though AB 19 did not pass this year, we are even closer now to attaining full marriage rights for same sex couples. At this year’s Pride Parade we should celebrate the phenomenal progress we have made by nearly getting this bill out of the State Assembly.”

Koretz strongly supports marriage rights for gay and lesbian couples and will continue to fight for civil rights, human dignity and equality for all. He has carried numerous bills for the LGBT community, including most recently AB 879 (2003) which required the state to develop guidelines for physicians for post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) for non-occupational exposures to HIV infection in response to foot-dragging in the Bush Administration on federal guidelines, and AB 1677 (2005) which will allow non-profit organizations to distribute condoms in state prisons. Koretz also introduced AB 1338 (2001) the groundbreaking legislation that would have established civil unions for same sex couples in California.

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